

BEARS TO HAVE SWEET TIME IN SOUTHLAND

Bee Owners Fear for Many Hives as Officials Release Bruins



(Photo by Ernest W. Ritter)
 Free to Roam



At top is a truckload of black bears just before they were released at Big Bear Lake. Standing, left to right, are G. C. Klingman of the California Highway Patrol, Judge Lynn of Bear Valley, M. R. Brickie, game transporter; J. Dale Gentry, president of the State Fish and Game Commission; Beatrice Pedder, conservator, Bear Valley; D. A. Clanton, superintendent, Forest Home Fish Hatchery, and A. E. Burghdoff, Los Angeles division of the Fish and Game Commission. Sitting is Orie L. Warner, publicity director of the commission. Below, at left, is one of the black bears taking a good look at the camera before scampering off into the forest. At right is the conception of Bruce Russell, Times staff artist, of what the bee owners fear is likely to happen.

BEAR VALLEY, Nov. 15.—A dozen bears just released in the Southern California mountains are likely to find life unusually sweet, all of which has turned the bee owners sour. They fear the bears will "honey" around their little pets and chase them out of house and home.

Six black bears were turned loose at Crystal Lake a few days ago by officials of the State Fish and Game Commission. Yesterday six more were released here and more are to follow.

Bee owners declare they have stands of bees working all over the mountains and many in the foothills. When bears scent honey they'll just naturally wreck anything in their way get it.

The bee owners know just what is likely to happen when a bear "gets the hives." Bruin will do so much scratching that the bees will soon be only a sweet memory.

The State Fish and Game Commission is stocking the Southland mountains with black bear from the Yosemite country, where they are more than plentiful. Bears used to roam this area — many of them. In fact, Bear Valley was the habitat for many years of ferocious grizzlies.

When the bears were turned loose here yesterday Ernest W. Ritter had his motion-picture camera set up to get some pictures. One bear leaped from the open door of its cage, charged at the camera and when within a dozen feet of it, suddenly sat down and quietly studied the strange contraption, allowing plenty of time for a picture before it scampered off into the woods.

Ventura Gives Attorney Leave

VENTURA, Nov. 15.—The appointment of City Attorney H. F. Orr to a position in the legal department of the Federal Public Works Administration at Washington was announced today by Orr to members of the City Council in special session.

At his own request the Council granted him a three months' leave of absence, and Stacy C. Bates was appointed deputy City Attorney to perform the active duties of the office here.

OIL WORKER INJURED WHEN HIT BY TONGS

HAWTHORNE, Nov. 15.—Charles Kellar, 45 years of age, of North Redondo Beach is being treated at the Hawthorne Hospital for possible skull fracture and other injuries as the result of an accident at an oil well near Rosecrans avenue and Inglewood Boulevard early today. Kellar was struck by pipe tongs, according to the police report.

